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### **OFFICIALS FINED FOR PDC VIOLATIONS**

**Olympia** – Public Disclosure Commission chair, Christine Yorozu, today levied civil penalties against three governmental officials who violated the public disclosure act by failing to file statements of personal financial affairs.

“The public’s right to know the financial affairs of their elected officials is an extremely important part of the disclosure process,” Yorozu said. “Non-compliance by government officials is unacceptable.”

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission.

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two notices asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent in June and a letter providing an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on August 2, 2001.

“Washington State has been a leader in requiring government officials to disclose potential conflict of interests,” Yorozu said. “Reporting of personal financial affairs has been in statute since 1973 and should not come as a surprise to anyone elected to public office.”

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

The three government officials who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing are:

- Judith Hosea, College Board Member, Clover Park Technical College, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Lisa Barnes, School Director, Crescent Consolidated School District, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Michael McClarrinon, Fire Commissioner, Thurston Fire Protection District, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.

Yorozu also referred the case of Derek Young, City Council Member, City of Gig Harbor, to the full commission. Mr. Young has civil penalties of \$850 from 1999 and 2000 that remain unpaid.

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